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1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
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2. SUMMARY: THE DISCIPLINARY ORGAN OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY ANNOUNCED JUNE 25 IT WILL CARRY OUT A NATIONWIDE PURGE OF PARTY MEMBERS WHO WERE NOT FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF, OR DEMONSTRATED RESISTANCE TO, PREMIER

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LI PENG AND OTHER HARD-LINERS DURING THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY REBELLION. THE DISCIPLINE INSPECTION CENTRAL COMMITTEE CALLED THE EFFORTS A PURIFICATION OF THE PARTY.

/ 3. IN AN APPARENT RESPONSE TO OUR DIPLOMATIC NOTE PROTESTING THE NUMBER OF PLAINCLOTHES POLICEMEN AROUND THE EMBASSY, SENIOR POLICE OFFICIALS ON JUNE 26 SURVEYED THE U.S. EMBASSY, CAREFULLY INSPECTING FROM THE STREET THE EXTERIOR AND GROUNDS OF ALL THREE U.S. EMBASSY LOCATIONS. SENIOR POLICE OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED INSPECTING THE U.S. EMBASSY IN THE PAST

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/ 4. CONSULATE GENERAL CHENGDU REPORTS 12 AMERICANS DETAINED IN KUNMING FOR DISTRIBUTING RELIGIOUS MATERIALS MAY BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE ON JUNE 27. A CONSULATE OFFICER IS IN KUNMING TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE. TWO OTHER AMERICANS LIVING IN TIANJIN HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF COLLECTING COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY MATERIAL, AND HAVE BEEN ASKED TO LEAVE CHINA.

/ 5. THE SOVIET CULTURAL COUNSELOR TOLD EMBASSY PAO CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT A WIDE-RANGING CRACKDOWN ON CHINESE INTELLECTUALS AND SAID THAT SINO-SOVIET CULTURAL PROGRAMS, SUCH AS THE BOLSHOI BALLET PERFORMANCES IN CHINA, WOULD GO AHEAD AS PLANNED. CHAIRMAN OF THE PAKISTAN SENATE HAS DEPARTED ISLAMABAD FOR A VISIT TO BEIJING. THE BEIJING DAILY ON JUNE 26 CARRIED AN ARTICLE ATTACKING FANG LIZHI AND IN ITS JUNE 24 ISSUE, ATTACKED THE U.S. FOR CRITICAL COMMENTS BY U.S. OFFICIALS ON EVENTS OF JUNE 3-4. LOCAL PRESS ON JUNE 26 CARRIED A JUNE 24 NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE BY A COLUMBIA PROFESSOR PRAISING THE CRACKDOWN. PLA SOLDIERS ON JUNE 25 STOPPED AN EMBASSY OFFICER AT A CHECKPOINT, AND IN A SEPARATE INCIDENT, EIGHT SHOTS WERE FIRED AT A CHECKPOINT SEVERAL BLOCKS FROM THE EMBASSY.

END SUMMARY

COMMUNIST PARTY DISCIPLINE ORGAN TO PUNISH PARTY MEMBERS

6. THE CENTRAL COMMISSION FOR DISCIPLINE INSPECTION, THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S DISCIPLINARY ORGAN, ANNOUNCED ON JUNE 25 THAT IT WILL CARRY OUT "THE SPIRIT OF THE FOURTH PLENARY SESSION OF THE THIRTEENTH CPC CENTRAL COMMITTEE" IN PURGING AND SEVERELY PUNISHING PARTY MEMBERS WHO "VIOLATED PARTY DISCIPLINE DURING

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THE...COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY REBELLION." QIAO SHI
CHAIRED THE DISCIPLINE INSPECTION CENTRAL COMMISSION
MEETING ON JUNE 24.

7. THE COMMISSION'S COMMUNIQUE SIGNALLED THE
BEGINNING OF A NATIONWIDE PURGE OF PARTY MEMBERS WHO
DID NOT FULLY SUPPORT PREMIER LI PENG AND OTHER
HARD-LINERS DURING THE DEMONSTRATIONS. THE
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ORGANS FOR DISCIPLINE INSPECTION AT ALL LEVELS...TO UNIFY THE THINKING AND ACTION OF THE WHOLE PARTY SO AS TO BE ABLE TO HOLD IDENTICAL VIEWS WITH THE PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN CARDINAL QUESTIONS OF RIGHT AND WRONG." THE COMMISSION STATED THAT "THOSE PARTY MEMBERS WHO DEVIATED FROM THE CORRECT POLITICAL STAND AND VIOLATED PARTY DISCIPLINE DURING THE TURMOIL AND THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY REBELLION SHOULD BE STRICTLY PUNISHED...INCLUDING EXPELLING THEM FROM THE PARTY." THOSE LOCAL PARTY ORGANIZATIONS WHICH DID NOT FULLY SUPPORT OR OPPOSED DECISIONS MADE BY THE CENTRAL LEADERSHIP DURING THE DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE "OVERHAULED AND STRICTLY DEALT WITH." (THE FULL TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTEL.)

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8. THE JUNE 25 EVENING NEWS AND JUNE 26 LOCAL PRESS REPORTED THAT LOCAL GROUPS THROUGHOUT CHINA WERE DISCUSSING AND SUPPORTING THE RESULTS DETAILED IN THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE FOURTH PLENUM OF THE THIRTEENTH CENTRAL COMMITTEE. IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO UNIFY SUPPORT FOR THE HARD-LINERS IN THE CENTRAL LEADERSHIP, PARTY DISCIPLINARIANS ARE TRYING TO ENSURE THAT AT LEAST ALL PARTY MEMBERS ARE OPENLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE PARTY LINE.

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SENIOR RANKING POLICE OFFICIALS SURVEY U.S. EMBASSY

9. IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE A RESPONSE TO OUR DIPLOMATIC NOTE PROTESTING THE NUMBER OF PLAINCLOTHES CONFIDENTIAL

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POLICE AROUND THE EMBASSY, SENIOR RANKING PEOPLE'S ARMED POLICE (PAP) OFFICERS ON JUNE 26 SURVEYED THE THREE U.S. EMBASSY LOCATIONS HOUSING THE CHANCERY, CONSULAR AND ADMIN SECTIONS, AND THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AND PRESS AND CULTURE SECTION. THE PAP GROUP, WHICH INCLUDED A SENIOR COLONEL, THREE LT COLONELS AND TWO CAPTAINS, CAREFULLY INSPECTED THE EXTERIORS OF THE EMBASSY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS FROM THE STREET. IT APPEARS THAT THEY INSPECTED ONLY THE U.S. EMBASSY, AND NO SURVEY WAS MADE OF OTHER EMBASSIES. SENIOR POLICE OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED INSPECTING THE EMBASSY IN THE PAST

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TWELVE AMERICANS DETAINED IN KUNMING

10. CONSULATE GENERAL CHENGDU REPORTS THAT, BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH KUNMING POLICE OFFICIALS, IT APPEARS THAT THE TWELVE AMERICANS BEING DETAINED FOR DISTRIBUTING RELIGIOUS MATERIALS AND POSSESSING COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY MATERIALS, WILL BE PERMITTED TO DEPART KUNMING FOR GUANGZHOU AS SCHEDULED ON TUESDAY, JUNE 27. THE ADMIN OFFICER FROM CONSULATE GENERAL CHENGDU DEPARTED FOR KUNMING ON JUNE 26 TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE.

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TWO AMERICANS ORDERED TO DEPART CHINA

11. AN AMERICAN STUDENT AND AN AMERICAN TEACHER RESIDING IN TIANJIN HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO DEPART CHINA FOR COLLECTING COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY MATERIAL. BOTH AMERICANS ARE IN BEIJING AND HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED BY A CONSULAR OFFICER. THEY SAID THEY WILL LEAVE BEFORE FRIDAY, JUNE 30, WHEN THEIR VISAS EXPIRE.

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/ SOVIETS REMAIN "HANDS OFF CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS"

12. SOVIET CULTURAL COUNSELOR GUSAROV TOLD THE PAO (SEPTEL) THAT MAJOR SINO-SOVIET CULTURAL PROGRAMS, SUCH AS THE BOLSHOI BALLET PERFORMANCE IN CHINA IN SEPTEMBER, WOULD GO AHEAD IN MONTHS AHEAD AS PLANNED, THAT SOVIET POLICY OVERALL REMAINED "HANDS OFF CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS", THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT A WIDE-RANGING CRACKDOWN ON CHINESE INTELLECTUALS,

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AND THAT WITHIN A MONTH OR SO, THE DUST WILL HAVE SETTLED SUFFICIENTLY FOR THE CHINESE TO PRESENT, WHEN THE PRC'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY IS MARKED IN OCTOBER, A FACE OF NORMALCY TO THE WORLD.

/ PAKISTAN SENATE CHAIRMAN TO ARRIVE IN BEIJING

13. THE LOCAL PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT CHAIRMAN OF PAKISTAN'S SENATE WASIM SAJJAD, LEADING A 12 MEMBER SENATE DELEGATION, DEPARTED JUNE 25 FOR BEIJING. CHAIRMAN OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE AND FORMER PRC PRESIDENT LI XIANNIAN WILL HOST THE GROUP.

/ BEIJING DAILY ATTACKS FANG LIZHI AND U.S.

14. THE JUNE 26 BEIJING DAILY ATTACKED FANG LIZHI AS A "NATIONAL TRAITOR". THE ARTICLE SAID HE AND HIS WIFE, LI SHUXIAN, MASTERMINDED THE PLANS FOR THE "STUDENT MOVEMENT". THE JUNE 24 ISSUE OF BEIJING

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DAILY ALSO CARRIED AN ARTICLE QUOTING A TAIWAN AUTHOR, NAN FANGSHUO, WHO SAID THE U.S. SUPPRESSES DEMOCRACY AND DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENTS BY ITS OWN PEOPLE WHILE CHINA SUPPRESSES COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY REBELLIONS.

/ RETIRED COLUMBIA PROFESSOR PRAISES CRACKDOWN

15. THE JUNE 26 ISSUE OF THE PEOPLE'S DAILY CARRIED A JUNE 24 NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE WRITTEN BY CHI-CHEN WANG, PROFESSOR OF CHINESE LITERATURE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, WHO PRAISED THE CRACKDOWN, SAYING THAT IT WAS "BETTER TO SHED A LITTLE BLOOD THAN TO HAVE CIVIL WAR."

/ EMBASSY OFFICER STOPPED AT CHECKPOINT

16. AN EMBASSY OFFICER RETURNING HOME AFTER MIDNIGHT, JUNE 25, WAS STOPPED AT A CHECKPOINT. WHILE A SOLDIER POINTED AN AK-47 IN THE EMBOFF'S FACE, ANOTHER SOLDIER WAVED HIM AWAY AND ALLOWED THE OFFICER TO PROCEED.

/ 17. IN ANOTHER INCIDENT, IN THE EARLY EVENING OF JUNE 25 EIGHT SHOTS WERE FIRED AT A CHECKPOINT NEAR THE JOINT VENTURE JINGLUN HOTEL, LOCATED SEVERAL BLOCKS AWAY FROM THE EMBASSY. TRAFFIC WAS STOPPED TEMPORARILY.

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